



KENNET VALLEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Mag No 0229 - Sunday 14th March 1999 - The Old Crown at Ogbourne St George

What a glorious day for a run. Bright spring sunshine - clear blue skies - daffodils and primroses in colourful profusion nodding in the warm breeze. Yet only a privileged few were there to enjoy this memorable run set by Ian. It was mothers day I suppose and a lot of our members have mothers. Apart from your scribe the only runners were Margaret (of course) and Jeremy and Richard and the only walker was Keith. One Keith Mitchell who shall be nameless arrived late but Ian set him off in the right direction and by skilful use of common sense and a glimpse of the rest of us milling about in a huge field he caught up.

We set off up the old railway line and then left into the aforesaid huge field where we lost the trail and were spread out over about three square miles searching every inch of grass for a blob. Ian sets his trails using the Mongolian or North Wilts Hash system whereby one has to find three blobs in a row before shouting 'On On' and then you come to a 'T' when you shout 'Bugger' as this means you weren't on at all and you have to go back to the last circle about a mile and a quarter away.

We found the trail in the end however and ran over the watermeadows to Ogbourne church in idyllic setting. We had to cross the river on the way and Margaret who was determined not to get her feet wet tried to keep on the stepping stones - and then fell in at the last stone with a great splash which caused much amusement. And on through the churchyard and up to the Ridgeway path. Aha we all thought - the trail must be along the famous Ridgeway - but no. It was back to the village and over open fields with wonderful views over the Wiltshire countryside and round in a loop to the main Marlborough road. It took a while to get over the road with all those mothers being taken out for lunch but it at least gave Keith M a chance to catch up. Then on up a steepish muddy path to the Ridgeway and on to an exhilarating gallop along the top of the world before looping back down the hill to the pub. Jeremy was very polite throughout the run by staying with us lesser mortals and not checking out all the false trails and still leaving us miles behind. Your scribe and Richard and Margaret were actually in front of him at the end and we ran the last half mile or so like olympic sprinters we were still so full of beans. We were running for nearly an hour and a half but it was so good that nobody minded - a great run Ian.

The landlord was a helpful and humorous cove (Ian having taken care to warn him of our arrival) and there was a cheerful atmosphere in the pub afterwards. Five men and a girl chatted happily - great debate about when the bluebells were going to be at their best in Savernake I remember - and drank more than usual and there was a definite sense that this had been a more than usually good run.

ON ONs

029	28th March 99	The Coopers Arms in Pewsey	Ray
030	11th April 99	The Red Lion at Avebury	Navy Mike
031	25th April 99	The Roebuck Marlborough (The Bluebell Run)	Margaret
032	9th May 99	The Royal Oak at Wootton Rivers	Richard
033	23rd May 99	The Wheatsheaf at Ogbourne St Andrew	Jeremy
034	6th June 99	The Barge at Honeystreet	Keith M
035	20th June 99	The Goddard Arms at Clyffe Pypard	Ian
036	4th July 99	The Spotted Cow at Marston Meysey	Keith S

Future Trails

If you would like to lay a trail (or find out where the next hash is) please give me -
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